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Seattle City Council
c/o Seattle City Clerk
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Re: Reply of Appellant Laurelon Terrace to Response of LCC

Dear Members of the Seattle City Council:

In general, it is suggested that it is time for people to calm down and deal with adversaries with a little more care. LCC's labeling of its opponents as "surrogates" is in stark contrast to its suggestion at the top of page 39 of its brief that parties deal with the merits. LCC is not at alone in a rather shrill tone. It is just the party to whom Laurelon Terrace is to reply.

This reply will address two small points in addition to calling for a more civil tone. One point is LCC's criticism of the Hospital for not being willing to compromise. The other is the statement that Laurelon Terrace's counsel led a rally to denounce LCC.

First, LCC numerous times suggests that the Hospital has been unwilling to compromise. LCC Reply p. 2, ¶13-4, 8; p. 3, ¶14-5; p. 6, ¶18-9; p. 31, ¶23-24. LCC is wrong and fails to acknowledge the role it played in any polarization that occurred. The fact is that the Hospital compromised its plans time and again throughout the process. It just did not meet the wishes of the Board of Directors of LCC.

The second point is very small and this response is probably one of "rising to the bait." It illustrates a larger weakness of LCC – its willingness to make incorrect statements as though they are fact. LCC states that Laurelon Terrace's counsel (presumably it means undersigned counsel Peter Buck), led a rally on City Hall steps that attacked LCC. . Page 38, ¶22-24. This is simply a mistake. Counsel for Laurelon Terrace did not organize or lead any such rally. He simply attended as did hundreds of people. He spoke, but only made a passing reference to LCC. His main point was that the Laurelhurst community has shown tremendous support for Children's proposal. That is not "denouncing" LCC. It is just pointing out the truth, as is shown by the exhibits in Laurelon Terrace's opening appeal documents. Laurelhurst as a community is

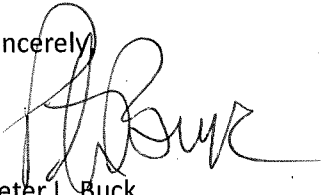
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very different than LCC as an organization, which is solely run by a self-perpetuating Board. That is not "denouncement."

Laurelon Terrace urges the Council to ignore various demeaning attacks couched in numerous ways including the use of the term "surrogates." The matter should be decided on the record. The record shows substantial evidence supporting the recommendation of the CAC and DPD. That is what is legally required for reversal and that is what is in the record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Buck", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Peter L. Buck

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 28th day of September, 2009, I sent copies of the following documents:

1. A letter in Reply of Appellant Steve Wilson to Response of LCC;
2. A letter in Reply of Appellant Laurelon Terrace to Response of LCC; and
3. Certificate of Service.

To the following parties via email, at the email address listed below for that party:

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And to the following parties by first-class mail, by depositing the copies in the U.S. Mail by 5:00 p.m., which proper postage affixed, at the post office addresses listed below.

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2009, at Seattle, Washington.



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